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## GREENDALE, INDIANA MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

## PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that GARY FRANK KUSH, 50, Greendale, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury on January 25, 2006, sitting in Indianapolis for distribution and possession of child pornography, following an investigation by the Greendale Police Department, Kokomo Police Department, Indiana State Police, United States Secret Service, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. These are all members of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The indictment alleges that KUSH distributed images of child pornography on the two dates of February 16, 2005, and April 27, 2005. Additionally, KUSH possessed numerous images of child pornography on September 6, 2005.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, KUSH faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years on the distribution counts and up to 10 years on the possession count, with a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 on each count. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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